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ARAB GULF NAVY AND ACCOUNTS OF IRANIAN
AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS IN GULF

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1. DURING JAN 18 CONVERSATION, I ASKED QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI ABOUT PURPOSE OF JAN 12 VISIT OF IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER TO QATAR. ALTHOUGH SUHAYM DECLINED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON DETAILS, HE INDICATED THAT HAMMADI'S VISIT WAS TO INFORM GOQ OF IRAQI/IRANIAN AGREEMENT TO RECOMMENCE BORDER DISPUTE TALKS IN ISTANBUL.

2. RE INCREASED IRANIAN INFLITRATION INTO QATAR, EMBASSY HAS NO
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EVIDENCE OF THIS. GOQ IMMIGRATION CONTROLS ARE FAIRLY EFFICIENT

AND THERE IS EFFORT TO ARABIZE IMPORTED WORK FORCE.

3. RE IRAN'S AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS IN GULF, TOP LEVEL GOQ
OFFICIALS CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATE MAINTENANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS
BETWEEN GOQ AND IRAN AND AS CONSISTENTLY EXPRESS THEIR APPREHEN-
SIONS ABOUT IRAQI-INSPIRED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN AREA. NEWLY
ARRIVED IRANIAN AMB HAS TOLD US HIS INITIAL IMPRESSIONS FROM
QATARIS COMPLETELY FAVORABLE RE GOQ-IRANIAN RELATIONS AND IRAN'S
IMPORTANT ROLE IN SECURITY OF GULF. THERE ARE, HOWEVER,
OCCASIONAL MURMURS OF CONCERN ABOUT IRANIAN MILITARY BUILD UP,
AND TUNBS/ABU MUSA TAKEOVER STILL RANKLES.
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